

Genetic Counselor Licensing Board Minutes

March 2, 2006

Room 457

Heber Wells Building

Convened: 8:23 a.m.

Adjourned: 9:57 a.m.

Division Staff Present:

Bureau Director

Bureau Manager

Board Secretary

J. Craig Jackson

Dan Jones

Lee Avery

Members Present:

Christine Miller, Chairperson

Vickie Venne

Lynn F. Price

Bonnie J. Baty

Cindy Solomon

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Minutes

The minutes of March 20, 2003 were reviewed and stand with corrections.

Introductions:

The Members introduced themselves giving a brief history of their background.

Mr. Jackson introduced himself to the Board giving a brief history of his background.

Mr. Jones introduced himself to the Board giving a brief history of his background.

Swear in a new Board Member

Ms. Cindy Solomon was sworn in as the new Board member.

Elect a new Chairperson

Ms. Baty nominated Ms. Miller to be reappointed to the Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Price. The nomination carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

Time period for Temporary Licenses –
Ms. Christine Miller

Ms. Miller advised the Board the National Association has changed how often it gives the National Exam and suggested the rule regarding how long a temporary is issued should be shortened to reflect the change in the exam.

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This would change the timeframe for a temporary to twenty-seven (27) months, instead of forty-two (42).

Failing National Board Exam – Ms.
Bonnie Baty

The Board discussed if an individual fails the exam two (2) times, they still have an active temporary license. The Board reviewed statutes and discussed in detail temporary licenses being issued for forty-two months (2) and failing the National Board twice. To resolve the concerns the Board decided the Rule needs to be changed. The Board also discussed meeting with the applicant after failing the National Board more than twice. The Board felt the rule change should also allow an applicant to request to meet with it, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, for consideration of a third (3rd) temporary being issued. This would allow them to continue working as a Genetic Counselor until the next exam.

Mr. Jones will make the changes in the Rules and forward these to the Board for its review.

Procedure to obtaining a list of licenses –
Mr. Daniel T. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board lists of licenses with addresses has been deemed ‘private’ by Utah State Legislators. If an Association wants to obtain a list of licensee for continuing education purposes this is ok, the lists cannot be used for commercial purposes. A request form can be obtained from the Division website. The Board was also advised it could check individual licenses on the website.

Board Member term limits – Mr. Daniel
T. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board that members are appointed for two (2) terms and may be reappointed once after. A member may serve up to four (4) years on a Board.

Scope of Practice Genetic Counselor –
Mr. Daniel T. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board the Scope of Practice is spelled out in the statutes.

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Reporting Complaints – Ms. Bonnie Baty

Ms. Baty requested information regarding procedure and responsibility for reporting complaints. Mr. Jones stated everyone in this profession needs to report violations to the Division. There is a complaint form located on the website or you may send a written complaint to Mr. Jones and he will forward it to Investigations.

States Licensing Genetic Counselors

The Board briefly discussed other states starting to license Genetic Counselors, i.e. California, Illinois and Florida.

Next Board Meeting:

The Board discussed how often it should meet, noting a meeting in November/December after the National exams may be better, however, with the proposed rule change, it may need to meet sooner. Mr. Jones stated once he makes the proposed rule changes, he will e-mail this to the members for its review, then set a date for the Board meeting and rules hearing for the end of May or June.

The Board motioned to adjourn at 9:57.

Next Board Meeting:

No meetings scheduled at this time.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Genetic Counselor Licensing Board

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Bureau Manager, Div. of Occupational & Professional Licensing